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SUFFOLK POLICE OFFICER PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 29, 2012) The City of Suffolk Police Department will hold a promotional ceremony on Wednesday, August 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 441 Market Street. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Suffolk Police Officer promotions are as follows:

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER SHERRY FELLERS

Senior Police Officer Sherry Fellers has been with the Suffolk Police Department for nearly eight years. She is a Portsmouth native who settled in Suffolk in 2004. Before joining the Department, she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Virginia Wesleyan College in 1999 with a Major in Business Administration. Already serving her community through law-enforcement, she joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve in an effort to further serve her country. Officer Fellers began her career in Uniform Patrol, but has spent the past five years as the Department's Property and Evidence Custodian, where she attained a certification as a Property and Evidence Specialist through the Internal Association of Property and Evidence. Additionally, she has proudly represented the Department as a member of the Honor Guard since 2007, and functions as a General Instructor when needs arise. She and her husband, Charles – also a member of law-enforcement, have been married for 11 years and have a 9-year-old son, Charlie.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER TYRON LANGSTON

Senior Police Officer Langston joined the Suffolk Police Department in October 2005. Since that time he has served in the Uniform Patrol until assigned to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) South in 2010. He is a Certified General Instructor, Certified Defensive Tactics Instructor, in addition to a Certified School Resource Officer (SRO). Senior Police Officer Langston first began his law enforcement career at the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office in 2002 as a Courtroom Deputy.

MASTER POLICE OFFICER ANDRE WEAVER

Master Police Officer Weaver joined the Suffolk Police Department in 1985. During his time in the department he has served in the Uniform Patrol and the Special Investigation Unit. While in the Special Investigation Unit he was assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force under the supervision of Immigration, and was sworn in as a Special U. S. Deputy Marshal. After that assignment he was transferred to the Detective Bureau and from there to his present position as a School Resource Officer (SRO).

MPO Weaver has received a number of certifications, including General Instructor, Certified in D.A.R.E. K-12, Certified in Class Action Middle and High School, and Advanced SRO.

Over his 27 years in the department he hasn't lost his love of the job, and has received a number of outstanding performance awards, including Officer of the First Quarter 2010, nominated twice for Top Cop Award, and most recently was recognized by the Department of Parks & Recreation as an Outstanding Youth Supporter. He and his wife of 33 years, Patrice, have a son, Andre, Jr., and are the proud grandparents of 4-month old Nathaniel Joseph Weaver.

MASTER POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM CRAIG

Master Police Officer Craig grew up in the Western Branch area of Chesapeake and graduated from Greenbrier Christian Academy, after which he attended Liberty University. He has been in Uniform Patrol with the Suffolk Police

Department for 13-1/2 years. For 6 years he was part of the K-9 division until his partner, Nytro passed away on December 25, 2009.

MPO Craig has attended numerous schools to continue to enhance his education and to better equip him to serve the citizens of Suffolk. He has been awarded numerous Officer of the Week awards, as well as Team of the Quarter. He and K-9 Nytro were also awarded a Community Outreach Award for various calls for service which included a successful track and find of a young child with disabilities. He currently serves the public in the northern sector.

He has been married for 11 years, and has a 9-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son.

MASTER POLICE OFFICER TAMMY JAMES

Master Police Officer James is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She was in the U. S. Navy for four years prior to coming to the Suffolk Police Department in September 1995.

She has worked as a Patrol Officer, as well as a D.A.R.E. Officer prior to her transfer to Special Operations, where she has worked as a School Resource Officer (SRO) since 2009.

SERGEANT CASSANDRA GARVIN

Sergeant Garvin was hired by the Suffolk Police Department in February 2007. She graduated from the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy in July 2007, and was assigned to Uniform Patrol – Precinct 1, upon release from field training. She was named the Department's Accreditation Manager in 2009. She was promoted to Sergeant on August 15, 2012, and assigned to Administration, where she supervises Accreditation, Quartermaster, and Property and Evidence. Sergeant Garvin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Oklahoma.